

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type comprising:
a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and
a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein
said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern and a rough area formed among said light scattering elements,
said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

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4. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display including a liquid crystal display panel and a surface light source device of side light type for backlighting the liquid crystal display panel, said surface light source device comprising:

a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and
a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein
said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern and a rough area formed among said light scattering elements,
said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

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7. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate of a surface light source device of side light type, comprising:
a minor face to provide an incidence end face for introducing light into the guide plate;

and

two major faces to provide an emission face for emitting light and a back face opposite said emission face, wherein

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said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern and a rough area formed among said light scattering elements,

said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A surface light source device of side light type illuminating an LCD panel and comprising a guide plate, a primary light source, a reflection sheet, and a prism sheet for light control. A plurality of fine light scattering elements and rough area M are formed on an emission face of the guide plate. The rough area M is formed among the light scattering elements and has scattering power weaker than that of the light scattering elements. The dot-like light scattering elements are distributed according to a certain pattern that is designed to promote emission. Emission is promoted where the light scattering elements are formed and also in the area M. Accordingly, fine periodic bright-dark unevenness and glaring are reduced and the prism sheet, disposed on the emission face, is prevented from sticking to the emission face.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application and have been rejected. Amendments to claims 1, 4, and 7 are presented above. In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 4 have been amended without narrowing the claims within the meaning of Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000). The specification has been amended to improve form. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.